

## **REPUBLICAN LEADER GLENN 'GT' THOMPSON**

# CONSERVATIVE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

# **NATURAL SOLUTIONS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Republicans have crafted innovative climate solutions by empowering the original stewards of our land—our farmers, ranchers, and foresters**. Thoughtful, science-based policies will promote a stronger agriculture economy by growing climate-friendly innovations that are already being carried out by producers.

There are a number of bills on the table—bills that incentivize healthy soils, precision agriculture technology, healthy forests, and more public-private partnerships for climate solutions. All of these bills have one thing in common—they are designed to reduce our carbon footprint while increasing the productivity and economic competitiveness of our farms and rural communities.

We cannot sacrifice a healthy economy for a healthy environment, and vice versa. Ag Republicans know natural solutions work, and we know producers are part of the solution, NOT part of the problem.

#### **THE SUSTAINS ACT (THOMPSON PA-15)**

#### <u>Sponsoring USDA Sustainability Targets in Agriculture to Incentivize Natural Solutions</u>

Authorizes the "Contributions for Private-Sector Partnership," a USDA account that allows for private sector donations; incentivizes private funding by awarding sponsorship of targeted conservation initiatives; authorizes funds for USDA to match certain donations.

#### THE NO EMITS ACT (DAVIS IL-13)

#### Naturally Offsetting Emissions by Managing and Implementing Tillage Strategies

Establishes a Soil Health Transition Incentive Program that provides payments and technical assistance to producers who are transitioning their farms to soil health cropping systems; provides longer term contracts to mitigate risk; doubles funding for Conservation Innovation Trials.

#### THE RESTORE ACT (LAMALFA CA-01)

#### Restoring Environments, Soils, Trees and Operations to develop the Rural Economy

Gives the Secretary of Agriculture authority to conduct landscape-scale forest management projects in states where the Governor requests such activities; provides new statutory authorities to execute cross-jurisdiction forest management projects and reduces unnecessary bureaucracy.

#### THE FIRE ACT (JOHNSON SD-At-Large)

#### Forestry Improvements to Restore the Environment

Requires the Forest Service to complete a survey of National Forest System land that has been impacted by a wildfire within 60 days after containment; provides new management tools to expedite restoration; enables rural communities to get salvage timber to market, increasing financial benefits to local communities.

### **THE PRECISE ACT (HINSON IA-01)**

#### <u>Producing Responsible Energy and Conservation Incentives and Solutions for the Environment</u>

Leverages incentives for the adoption of costly precision agriculture technology; incentivizes private sector financing of precision agriculture equipment through existing programs; funds 100% of precision agriculture projects through joint participation of conservation cost-share programs and the Conservation Loan Program.